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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: National Training Center and Fort Irwin Labor Day Safety Message

1. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, our Nation will celebrate Labor Day as a way to pay tribute to all of our citizens who have worked hard to create and sustain this great country. Our Nation's strength, freedom, and prosperity would be impossible without the dedication and tireless efforts of the American worker.

2. Labor Day marks the end of the Army's "101 Critical Days of Summer" Safety Campaign. During last year's campaign, 48 Soldiers lost their lives as result of accidents. To date, during this year's campaign, 24 accidents have resulted in 33 fatalities. 75% of these fatalities occurred off duty in privately owned vehicles.

3. The Labor Day holiday is unfortunately one of the most dangerous weekends of the year. Historically, across the Army, we will lose at least one Soldier, Civilian, or Family member to a preventable accident. Leaders at all levels must ensure that subordinates understand the risks of drinking and driving, as well as the safety, regulatory, and legal requirements for operating a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle or a privately owned vehicle. Through our continued focus and diligence, we can keep our Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families safe from preventable accidents.

4. This Labor Day, take time to reflect on all the hard work we have done to make our country great. I challenge you to stay engaged over the long weekend and throughout the rest of the year by incorporating risk management skills into all that you do -- at work, at play, and at home.

LEAD, TRAIN, WIN!

*Thanks for all  
that you all do  
for our Army!*

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